

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method in ~~a base station~~ an apparatus comprising:  
receiving, by ~~a receiver~~ the apparatus, from a single remote station a reverse link signal that comprises a plurality of ~~combined~~ subchannel signals;  
~~independently adjusting transmit powers of more than one of said plurality of subchannel signals to different levels by generating power control messages for adjusting the transmit powers of more than one of said plurality of subchannel signals; and~~  
comparing a frame error rate of each of said subchannel signals with a frame error rate threshold ~~for said generating said power control messages; and~~  
generating power control messages, based on the comparison, to be used to independently adjust transmit powers of more than one of said plurality of subchannel signals to different levels.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:  
generating a plurality of quality threshold values, corresponding to said plurality of subchannels, in accordance with a measured frame error rate for each of said subchannel signals.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 wherein said generating includes generating at least a plurality of bits, wherein each bit represents a command to increase or decrease the transmit power of one of said subchannel signals by a predetermined amount.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:  
generating a plurality of gain values; and

applying each gain value to one of said plurality of subchannel signals for adjusting the transmit powers of said subchannel signals.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:  
decoding each of said corresponding subchannel signals and determining frame errors in said subchannel signals.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for wireless communication comprising:  
a receiver configured to receive from a single remote station a reverse link signal that comprises a plurality of ~~combined~~ subchannel signals;  
a threshold generator configured to provide a frame error rate threshold for at least one of the subchannel signals;  
a comparator configured to compare a frame error rate of at least one of the subchannel signals with the threshold for that subchannel signal; and  
a message generator configured to generate power control messages, based on the comparison, to be used to independently adjust transmit powers of more than one of the plurality of subchannel signals to different levels ~~by generating power control messages based on the comparison.~~

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 21 wherein the message generator is configured to generate a plurality of quality threshold values, corresponding to the plurality of subchannels, in accordance with a measured frame error rate for each of the subchannel signals.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 21 wherein the message generator is configured to generate at least a plurality of bits, wherein each bit represents a command to increase or decrease the transmit power of one of the subchannel signals by a predetermined amount.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 21 further comprising: a decoder configured to decode each of the subchannel signals from the received reverse link signal; and

wherein the comparator is configured to calculate the frame error rate in each of the subchannel signals.

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for wireless communication comprising:  
means for receiving from a single remote station a reverse link signal that comprises a plurality of ~~combined~~ subchannel signals; means for providing a frame error rate threshold for at least one of the subchannel signals;

means for comparing a frame error rate of at least one of the subchannel signals with the threshold for that subchannel signal; and

means for generating power control messages, based on the comparison, to be used to independently adjusting adjust transmit powers of more than one of the plurality of subchannel signals to different levels ~~by generating power control messages based on the comparison.~~

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 25 further comprising means for generating a plurality of quality threshold values, corresponding to the plurality of subchannels, in accordance with a measured frame error rate for each of the subchannel signals.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 25 further comprising means for generating at least a plurality of bits, wherein each bit represents a command to increase or decrease the transmit power of one of the subchannel signals by a predetermined amount.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for wireless communication of claim 25 further comprising means for decoding each of the subchannel signals from the received reverse link signal; and means for calculating the frame error rate in each of the subchannel signals.

29. (Currently Amended) A base station comprising:  
an antenna;  
a receiver configured to receive from a single remote station, via the antenna, a reverse link signal that comprises a plurality of ~~combined~~ subchannel signals;  
a threshold generator configured to provide a frame error rate threshold for at least one of the subchannel signals;

a comparator configured to compare a frame error rate of at least one of the subchannel signals with the threshold for that subchannel signal; and

a message generator configured to generate power control messages, based on the comparison, to be use to independently adjust transmit powers of more than one of the plurality of subchannel signals to different levels ~~by generating power control messages based on the comparison.~~